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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON DECRIMINALIZATION OF MARIJUANA

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1. DIRECTOR OF ILLICIT DRUGS OFFICE OF QATAR POLICE ADVISES
THAT UNDER SECTION 10, LAW 20, OF 1972, THE PUNISHMENT FOR
POSSESSION OF-OR TRAFFICKING IN-"ILLCITY DRUGES" IS NOT LESS
THAN ONE YEAR AND NOT EXCEEDING FIVE YEARS WITH A FINE OF NOT
LESS THAN QR2000 (\$500) AND NOT EXCEEDING QR10,000 (\$2,500).
IN SHORT, THE LAW DOES NOT DISTINGUISH BETWEEN POSSESSION AND
TAFFICKINGTXN NOR DNGJIIT DISTINGUISH BETWEEN VARIOUS KINDS OF
DRUGS.

2. IN PRACTICE, HOWEVER, THE QATARI LEGAL SYSTEM DOES METE OUT
PENALTIES ACCORDING TO THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE ACT AND THE TYPE
OF DRUG. PERSOIU CONVICTED OF POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA NORMALLY
RECEIVE THE MINIMUM PENALTY (ONE YEAR, QR2000), WHEREAS TRAF-
FICKERS AND POSSESSORS OF HARDER DRUGS RECEIVE PENALTIES ON THE
ORDER OF THREE YEARS UPWARDS, WITH PENALTIES OF AT LEAST
QR10,000.

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